

CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1-48. (cancelled)

49. (currently amended) A printing system for printing image data, which is selected from image data to be supplied from a supplier device by a user device, comprising:

a printer, which comprises:

a first connection means for connecting unit configured to connect to said user device;

a second connection means for connecting unit configured to connect to said supplier device via the Internet;

a request reception means for connecting unit configured to connect to said user device by said first connection means unit and receiving receive request data from said user device;

a notification means for connecting unit configured to connect to said supplier device via the Internet by said second connection means unit and notifying notify said supplier device of the request data and a model identification information of said printer;

an image reception means for connecting unit configured to connect to said supplier device via the Internet by said second connection means unit and receiving receive image data corresponding to the request data from said supplier device; and

a printing means for printing unit configured to print the image data received by
said image reception unit, and

wherein said supplier device comprises:

a management unit configured to manage information indicating a printer that can
guarantee safety of the image data;

a determination means for determining unit configured to determine whether said
printer that has notified said supplier device of the identification information is a printer that can
guarantee safety of the image data on the basis of based on the information managed by said
management unit and the model identification information of said printer notified by said
notification means unit; and

an image transmission means for transmitting unit configured to transmit the
image data to said printer, when said determination means unit determines that said printer is a
printer that can guarantee the safety of the image data.

50. (currently amended) The communication system according to Claim 49,
wherein said printer further comprising:

a transmission means for connecting unit configured to connect to said supplier
device via the Internet by said second connection means unit and transmitting transmit, to said
supplier device, charge information in response to print by said printing means unit.

51. (currently amended) The communication system according to Claim 49,
wherein said printer further comprising;

a charge information storage means for storing unit configured to store said charge

information; and

a deletion means for deleting unit configured to delete said charge information
from said charge information storage means unit after having sent said charge information to said
supplier device in case that a power-off operation of said printer has been detected.

52. (currently amended) The communication system according to Claim 49,
wherein said printer further comprising:

a image data storage means for storing unit configured to store the image data
received by said image reception means-unit;

a deletion means for deleting unit configured to delete said image data from said
image data storage means unit in case that the image data has been stored in said storage means
unit for a predetermined time, or in case that the power-off operation of said printer has been
detected.

53 - 54. (cancelled)

55. (currently amended) A control method for controlling a supplier device on a
supplier side that supplies image data, comprising:

managing information indicating a printer that can guarantee safety of the image
data;

a determination step for determining whether a printer that has notified said
supplier device of identification information of the printer is a printer that can guarantee safety of
the image data on the basis of based on the managed information and a model the notified

identification information of said printer ~~notified by said printer~~; and

~~an image transmission step of transmitting the image data to said printer, when said determining step determines it is determined that said printer can guarantee the safety of the image data,~~

wherein said printer comprises:

a first connection means for connecting unit configured to connect to a user device on a user side;

a second connection means for connecting unit configured to connect to said supplier device via the Internet;

a request reception means for connecting unit configured to connect to said user device by said first connection means unit and receiving receive request data from said user device;

a notification means for connecting unit configured to connect to said supplier device via the Internet by said second connection means unit and notifying notify said supplier device of the request data and a model identification information of said printer;

an image reception means for connecting unit configured to connect to said supplier device via the Internet by said second connection means unit and receiving receive image data corresponding to the request data from said supplier device; and

a printing means for printing unit configured to print the image data received.

56. (cancelled).